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1. JOHN RAE HAS JUST ADVISED ME THAT THE APPOINTMENT OF DAVID WITHEROW AS HEAD OF THE MONITORING SERVICE WILL BE ANNOUNCED TOMORROW. HE WILL SPEND SOMETIME AT CAVERSHAM THIS WEEK AND NEXT AND SUCCEED RAE AS HMS AT THE END OF THE WEEK OF 7 SEPTEMBER.

2. RAE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING BIO DATA: READ ENGLISH AT PEMBROKE COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE. JOINED PRESS ASSOCIATION AS GRADUATE TRAINEE. THREE YEARS LATER IN 1963 JOINED BUSH HOUSE NEWSROOM AS SUB-EDITOR, BECOMING EDITOR OF EXTERNAL SERVICES NEWS DEPARTMENT FROM 1973 TO 1977. WAS THEN TRANSFERRED TO TV NEWS AND CURRENT AFFAIRS WHERE HE WAS EDITOR OF BBC 2'S "NEWSDAY". WAS LATER OVERALL EDITOR OF WEEKLY PROGRAMS FOR TV NEWS. AT PRESENT HE IS ACTING CHIEF ASSISTANT (REGIONS), UNDER THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS. HE IS 43, MARRIED WITH TWO DAUGHTERS, AGES 18 AND 12.

3. RAE WILL BE ARRANGING INTRODUCTIONS, PROBABLY LATER IN WEEK.

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